

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-45 are pending and remain in the application. The amendment to the claims do not present any new matter. Support for the changes to the claims may be found in the claims as originally filed and in the trade brochure on TEXANOL provided herewith. Applicants attach hereto a version of the claims showing changes made by the current amendment.

Rejection of Claims 26 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 26 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended the claims 26 and 45 in the manner suggested by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action by substituting the chemical name 2,2,4-trimethyl-1,3-pentanediol monoisobutyrate for the trademark TEXANOL. As support for this change, Applicants provide herewith a trade brochure entitled "TEXANOL Ester-Alcohol", published in September 1998 by Eastman Chemical Company, which shows that the above chemical name is the equivalent of the trademark TEXANOL.

Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner's statement regarding the allowance of claims 1-25 and 27-44 is acknowledged.

In summary, Applicants believe that the foregoing amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment, remove all rejections, and issue a timely Notice of Allowance.

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